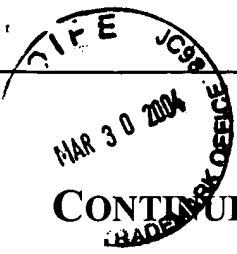


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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number		09/398,006
Confirmation Number		9551
Filing Date		September 16, 1999
First Named Inventor		Yoichi OKAMOTO
Group Art Unit		1733
Examiner Name		Justin R. FISCHER
Matter Number		Q55806
Title	PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 28, 2004
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
  - v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Applicant's Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") submitted with this Reply instructs the Examiner to enter the Amendment of January 28, 2004. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-7, 24, and 25 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner issued an Advisory Action dated February 18, 2004 in the present application. The Advisory Action indicates that the Amendment filed January 28, 2004, was not entered because the amendments to the claims present new claims and raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner took the position that Applicant's proposed amendment includes new independent claim 24 and a